

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

2:43 p.m.

Room 307, House Office Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (0/11)

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **May 25, 2005**. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Chair Stakoe laid **House Bill 4729** before the committee.

HB 4729 Tobocman	Property; land sales; municipal employees to purchase land in cities inventory; allow.
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Representative Tobocman explained the intent of the bill and proposed amendments.

Brad Ward, representing the **Michigan Association of Realtors**, testified in **support** of the **concept** of the bill.

Amru Meah, representing the City of Detroit, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Accavitti, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to adopt the following amendments to **House Bill 4729**:

1. Amend page 2, line 8, after “**SERVANT**” by inserting “**OF A CITY OR VILLAGE**”.
2. Amend page 2, line 9, after “**SERVANTS**” by inserting “**OF A CITY OR VILLAGE**”.
3. Amend page 2, line 12, after “**THE**” by striking out “**PUBLIC ENTITIES**” and inserting “**CITY OR VILLAGE**”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Accavitti, supported by **Representative Van Regenmorter**, moved to report **House Bill 4729**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4827** before the committee.

HB 4827 Waters Fire; annual inspection of fire hydrants; require.

Representative Waters explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified on the bill, indicating **concerns** with the bill and a **proposed substitute**.

Annette Guilfoyle, representing the City of Grand Rapids, submitted a testimony card in **support** of a **proposed substitute** to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Chair Stakoe announced that, at the request of the bill sponsor, the committee would resume hearing testimony on **House Bill 4827** at a later date.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **3:05 p.m.**

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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